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Farmers in the Garden State produced a wide variety of nutritious fruits and vegetables for consumers to enjoy either fresh or processed here in New Jersey and elsewhere in the Northeast, in Canada and in many countries around the world. Nationally, New Jersey is one of the top ten producers of many fruits and vegetables in the nation.

As part of a joint federal-state cooperative agreement between the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service (NJASS) is the primary source of statistical data on agriculture production in New Jersey. NJASS responded to approximately 3,000 requests for information from citizens, farmers, government, media, educators, students and other data users interested in Garden State agriculture.

There are 34 selected fresh vegetable and melon crops in USDA's national estimates program of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. These include artichokes, asparagus, lima beans, snap beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cantaloups, carrots, cauliflower, celery, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, escarole/endive, garlic, honeydews, kale, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, romaine lettuce, mustard greens, okra, onions, bell peppers, chili peppers, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, tomatoes, turnip greens, and watermelon. The New Jersey vegetable estimates program includes 17 of the above mentioned crops. Estimates for New Jersey squash is broken down by summer and winter varieties.

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